

c) allowing said solvent to dissipate to produce a solid implant.

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~~2.~~ (Amended) The method of Claim 1, wherein said polymer is selected from the group consisting [essentially] of polylactides, polyglycolides, polycaprolactones, polydioxanones, polycarbonates, polyhydroxybutyrates, polyalkylene oxalates, polyanhydrides, polyamides, polyesteramides, polyurethanes, polyacetals [polyacetates], polyketals, polyorthocarbonates, polyphosphazenes, polyhydroxyvalerates, polyalkylene succinates, poly(malic acid), poly(amino acids), [polyvinylpyrrolidone, polyethylene glycol, polyhydroxycellulose,] chitin, chitosan, and polyorthoesters, and copolymers, terpolymers and combinations and mixtures thereof.

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~~3.~~ (Amended) The method of Claim 1, wherein said polymer is selected from the group consisting [essentially] of polylactides, polycaprolactones and copolymers thereof with glycolide.

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~~4.~~ (Amended) The method of Claim 1, wherein said solvent is selected from the group consisting [essentially] of N-methyl-2-pyrrolidone, 2-pyrrolidone, ethanol, propylene glycol, acetone, ethyl acetate, methyl acetate, methyl ethyl ketone, dimethylformamide, dimethyl sulfoxide, tetrahydrofuran, caprolactam, decylmethylsulfoxide, oleic acid and 1-

dodecylazacycloheptan-2-one and combinations and mixtures thereof.

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5. (Amended) The method of Claim 1, wherein said solvent is selected from the group consisting [essentially] of N-methyl-2-pyrrolidone, 2-pyrrolidone, dimethyl sulfoxide and acetone, and a combination or mixture thereof.

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7. (Amended) The method of Claim 1, and further comprising the step of adding an effective amount of biologically active agent to said liquid to provide an implant which releases said agent by diffusion [and/or by erosion] , erosion or a combination of diffusion and erosion as said implant biodegrades.

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10. (Amended) The method of Claim ³~~9~~, wherein said polymer is a lactide polymer and said second solvent is selected from the group consisting [essentially] of water, ethanol and propylene glycol.

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application as amended is requested. Claims 1-10, 29, and 46-53 are now in this application. Claims 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7 and 10 have been amended.